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Update for the Disclosure of Communicable Disease Related Information to a Good Samaritan Rulemaking (9 A.A.C. Chapter 6, Article 1, R9-6-103)

A.R.S. § 36-664(E) states that the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) or a local health department “shall disclose communicable disease related information” to a Good Samaritan who submits a request to the Department or local health department. A.R.S. § 36-664(E) also states that the Department “shall adopt rules that prescribe standards of significant exposure risk” and “establish procedures for processing requests” from Good Samaritans. The current rules for Communicable Diseases and Infestations in Title 9, Article 6, do not address the disclosure of communicable disease related information to a Good Samaritan.

The Department plans to establish rules related to the disclosure of communicable disease related information to a Good Samaritan as R9-6-103. This rulemaking will:

- Prescribe standards of significant exposure risk;
- Establish the procedure for processing disclosure requests;
- Establish the procedure and criteria for disclosing communicable disease related information to a Good Samaritan; and
- Establish the procedure and criteria for denying a Good Samaritan’s disclosure request.

The Department has submitted a Notice of Docket Opening for the rulemaking, which was published in the [Arizona Administrative Register](#) on June 29, 2007, and has drafted rules for disclosure of communicable disease related information to a Good Samaritan.

To keep interested persons informed about the rulemaking, the Department has established a web page for the rulemaking. Draft rules have been posted on the Department’s website for informal public comment.

Stakeholders can communicate their issues and concerns to Robert Lane, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at laner@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-0792, or by fax at 602-364-1150. Please make all comments regarding this rulemaking to Robert Lane by May 30, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.